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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PRESENT THE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1965.

MR. G.H. FYFE, THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR HAS PREPARED HIS REPORT ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

CERTAIN ITEMS STAND OUT FOR PARTICULAR COMMENT:

STATISTICS.

DURING 1965 THERE WERE 68 MORE BIRTHS AND 34 MORE DEATHS THAN IN 1964. 180 OF THE 377 DEATHS WERE OF PERSONS AGED 75 AND OVER.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

THE MAJORITY OF THE NOTIFICATIONS WERE OF MEASLES, HALF OF WHICH WERE RECEIVED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR. THE NOTIFICATIONS OF FOOD POISONING REFERRED TO INDIVIDUAL CASES AND NOT TO OUTBREAKS. THERE WAS SUGGESTIVE EVIDENCE THAT INFECTION WAS ACQUIRED OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT IN THESE CASES.

AN OUTBREAK OF EAR INFECTIONS OCCURRED IN ONE SCHOOL. THE SOURCE WAS EVENTUALLY TRACED TO ONE CHILD WHO HAD A CHRONIC NASAL DISCHARGE. THE OUTBREAK SUBSIDED AFTER THE CHILD HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL AND TREATMENT HAD BEEN ARRANGED.

THERE WAS A SMALL OUTBREAK OF GASTRO-ENTERITIS DUE TO A KNOWN MICRO-ORGANISM AND IT WAS FELT THAT THIS OUTBREAK WAS BROUGHT INTO THE DISTRICT BY A DAY NURSERY NURSE WHO HAD BECOME INFECTED IN THE NURSERY. THIS OUTBREAK INVOLVED THE STAFF IN A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF VISITS FOR THE COLLECTION OF LABORATORY SPECIMENS.

TUBERCULOSIS.

THERE WERE NO DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS AND THERE WAS A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW NOTIFICATIONS BY 1. INCLUDED IN THE NEW NOTIFICATIONS WAS ONE OF TUBERCULOUS MENINGITIS.

WATER SUPPLIES.

PROGRESS WAS MADE TOWARDS THE PROVISION OF PIPED WATER SUPPLIES TO PROPERTIES IN THE AREAS: COPT OAK, OSBASTON LOUNT, AND BULL IN THE OAK. INTERRUPTIONS OF SUPPLY AGAIN OCCURRED IN THE GOPSALL AREA AND THERE WAS THE NEED TO LAY A NEW LENGTH OF MAIN IN IBSTOCK WHERE SUBSIDENCE HAD BEEN SEVERE.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

THE OPINION HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN EXPRESSED THAT THE COUNCIL INTEND TO SEWER ALL OF THE DISTRICT WHICH CAN BE SEWERED BUT THERE IS, OF NECESSITY, AN ORDER OF PRIORITIES. IN THIS RESPECT A PATTERN OF PROGRESS IS EMERGING IN THAT NEW PROJECTS ARE GROUPING THEMSELVES INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

1. NEW PROJECTS (I.E. PECKLETON & KIRKBY MALLORY)
2. ENLARGEMENTS OF EXISTING WORKS (E.G. NEWBOLD VERDON)
3. SMALLER SCHEMES IN AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN LOOKED UPON AS OF LOW PRIORITY IN THE PAST BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY THE BIGGER SCHEMES (E.G. ORTON, SIBSON).

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE ARE ALL THE TIME CONFRONTED WITH VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN THESE MATTERS. FROM MY EXPERIENCE OF ATTENDING AT THE DISCUSSIONS ARISING FROM THESE BIG PROBLEMS I WOULD VENTURE TO MAKE TWO SUGGESTIONS:-
(A) THAT NEW WORKS BE MADE SUFFICIENTLY LARGE AS TO BE QUITE ADEQUATE FOR BOTH EXISTING NEEDS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS FOR SOME TIME, AND (B) EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT MAXIMUM USE BE OBTAINED FROM EXISTING WORKS BY EXPLOITING ALL POSSIBLE MEANS OF IMPROVING EFFLUENTS.

NUISANCES.

A NUMBER OF MAJOR NUISANCES ENCOUNTERED DURING THE YEAR REQUIRE SPECIAL MENTION. PRE-EMINENT AMONGST THESE IS THAT OF DUST EMISSION FROM BRADGATE QUARRY. ACTION UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT IN THIS CONNECTION WAS DETERMINED BY THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE FIRM WAS TAKING ALL REASONABLE AND PRACTICAL MEANS TO MINIMISE THE NUISANCE. THE FIRM ITSELF EMPLOYED A FIRM OF CONSULTANTS OF REPUTE AND CARRIED OUT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT IT WAS SUFFICIENTLY WELL ADVISED, THE COUNCIL ALSO AGREED TO EMPLOY A CONSULTANT ON ITS BEHALF.

OTHER NUISANCES REQUIRING ATTENTION FROM TIME TO TIME INCLUDED SMOKE FROM A BRICKWORKS, FUMES FROM COLLIERY SPOIL BANKS AND NOISE FROM A CONCRETE WORKS WHICH ADJOINED A ROW OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

IT WAS PLEASING TO NOTE THAT FUMES FROM A PIPE GLAZING WORKS HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLY REDUCED OVER RECENT YEARS.

FOOD HYGIENE.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, INSPECTIONS WERE MADE OF FOOD HYGIENE ARRANGEMENTS IN THREE HOSPITALS AND REPORTS WERE MADE TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.

AT ONE SCHOOL IT WAS FOUND THAT FRESH MEAT AND FISH WERE BEING LEFT IN AN EXPOSED CONDITION. THE SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE WAS INFORMED OF THE RELEVANT SECTION OF THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS.

WHEN A FAMILY DOCTOR DREW ATTENTION TO CASES OF HYDATID DISEASE IN FAMILIES WHERE SEVERAL DOGS HAD BEEN KEPT IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS THE OPPORTUNITY WAS TAKEN TO CIRCULATE PROPAGANDA THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR GREATER CARE IN FOOD HYGIENE, PARTICULARLY WHEN DOGS WERE BECOMING OVER-DOMESTICATED.

FOOD HYGIENE. (CONT)

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES REGULATIONS WILL ENSURE VISITS TO FOOD PREMISES (INCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSES) IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE REGULATIONS.

CARAVANS.

PROGRESS WAS MADE TOWARDS THE SALE TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EVENTUAL RUNNING DOWN OF THE CHAPEL STREET CARAVAN SITE IN IBSTOCK.

RE-HOUSING.

THERE CONTINUED TO BE A LARGE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES FOR MEDICAL SUPPORT FOR THEIR APPLICATIONS. IT WAS THE POLICY TO INVESTIGATE EACH REQUEST INDIVIDUALLY AND TO REPORT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HOUSING OFFICER TO THE COMMITTEE. THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SUCH CASES IN IBSTOCK.

HOUSING OF ELDERLY PERSONS.

A REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE ON "HYPOTHERMIA IN THE ELDERLY". CERTAIN POINTS EMERGED AS WORTHY OF FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

1. THE POSSIBILITY OF DOUBLE GLAZING OF WINDOWS.
2. THE POSITIONING OF POWER POINTS IN BEDROOMS AT PLACES OF EASIEST AND SAFEST ACCESS.
3. ROOF INSULATION AND THE USE OF DRAUGHT EXCLUDERS.

IN THIS CONTEXT OF SUITABILITY OF ACCOMMODATION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS - A SURVEY WAS MADE OF SOME OF THE OLDER PROPERTIES IN ONE PARISH - GROBY, TO ASCERTAIN NEEDS OF SPECIAL HOUSING. THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL NEW ACCOMMODATION SUCH AS BUNGALOWS FOR ELDERLY PERSONS WAS DEMONSTRATED.

IBSTOCK DIABETIC SURVEY.

AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE BY DR. JOAN WALKER, THE CONSULTANT AT LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY, TO FOLLOW UP LOCALLY A NUMBER OF BORDERLINE CASES WHICH AROSE FROM THE LAST SURVEY. WITH SOME HELP FROM THIS COUNCIL A NUMBER OF FOLLOW UP CLINIC SESSIONS WERE ARRANGED IN THE CHURCH HALL.

CONCLUSIONS.

THESE COMMENTS ARE NOT INTENDED TO COVER EVERY PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR BUT RATHER TO SINGLE OUT SOME OF THE MOREOUTSTANDING ITEMS.

THE MAIN REQUIREMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH ALL STATUTORY DUTIES AND ALSO TO BE ABLE TO ANTICIPATE MANY PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY BECOME SERIOUS. FOR THIS PURPOSE IT MAY BE NECESSARY FROM TIME TO TIME TO CONSIDER THE ADEQUACY IN NUMBERS OF THE STAFF. 1965 WAS THE LAST COMPLETE YEAR IN WHICH WE HAD MR. TROWBRIDGE AS CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR. HIS RETIREMENT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CHANGES IN THE ORGANISATION AND THIS PROMPTS ME TO MAKE THE FOREGOING REMARKS.

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I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO MR. GREENFIELD, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR HIS WILLINGNESS AT ALL TIMES DURING THE YEAR TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS ALSO DUE TO MR. TROWBRIDGE AND HIS STAFF. I ALSO THANK THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

WITHOUT THE WORK OF MRS. DEE OF THE CLERK'S DEPARTMENT, THIS REPORT WOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED AND I AM INDEBTED TO HER FOR THIS BIG SERVICE.

I AM,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

J B Kershaw

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA (IN ACRES)	63,955.
POPULATION CENSUS 1921	23,196.
POPULATION CENSUS 1951	26,370.
POPULATION CENSUS 1961	27,519.
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 1964	28,460.
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 1965	28,730.
NO. OF INHABITED HOUSES	9,619.
RATEABLE VALUE (AT 1ST. APRIL 1965)	£940,818.
ESTIMATED SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE 1965/66	£3,930.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

THE POPULATION IS PARTLY INDUSTRIAL AND PARTY AGRICULTURAL WHILST SOME ARE EMPLOYED IN THE NEARBY AREAS OF LEICESTER, NUNEATON, HINCKLEY, COALVILLE AND COVENTRY.

THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS ARE IN COAL-MINING, GRANITE QUARRYING, ENGINEERING, BOOT & SHOE AND HOSIERY MANUFACTURE.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITALS ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE SHEFFIELD REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD AND GROUP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES IN LEICESTER.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCOMMODATION (PART III) FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IS PROVIDED BY THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR ELDERLY CHRONIC SICK PATIENTS IS PROVIDED AT BOSWORTH PARK INFIRMARY. "WESTHAVEN", AT MARKET BOSWORTH, HAS ACCOMMODATION FOR BOTH CHRONIC SICK PATIENTS AND

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.(CONT)

COUNTY HOME RESIDENTS.

MARKFIELD HOSPITAL, FORMERLY FOR TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS, NOW TAKES CERTAIN TYPES OF GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL PATIENTS.

MATERNITY ACCOMMODATION IS PROVIDED AT LEICESTER, KIRBY MUXLOE AND NUNEATON.

GLENGATE HOSPITAL, AN ANNEXE OF GLENFRITH HOSPITAL, PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR MENTALLY SUBNORMAL BOYS.

HIGHAM GRANGE PROVIDES REHABILITATION TREATMENT FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PATIENTS.

PART III NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT SERVICES ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

CERTAIN VOLUNTARY OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS, WHICH ARE COMPLEMENTARY TO THOSE PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. CHIROPODY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT SOME OF THE CLUBS WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

IN IBSTOCK THE W.V.S. ORGANISE A "MEALS ON WHEELS" SERVICE WHEREBY UP TO 24 MID-DAY MEALS ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ARE DELIVERED TO ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES. THE DELIVERY OF THE MEALS IS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY. THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILS EACH PROVIDE AN EQUAL FINANCIAL SUBSIDY TO THE COST OF THE MEALS.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, LEGITIMATE..	M.284.	F.260.	TOTAL.....	544.
BIRTHS, ILLEGITIMATE.	M. 13.	F. 15.	TOTAL.....	28.
	M.297.	F.275.	TOTAL.....	572.

STILLBIRTHS: 1 ILLEGITIMATE. 6 LEGITIMATE. TOTAL.....	7.
CRUDE BIRTH RATE (COMPARABILITY FACTOR 1·04).....	19·9.
BIRTH RATE FOR ENGLAND & WALES.....	18·0
STILLBIRTH RATE PER 1000 LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS.....	12·9
TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS.....	579
INFANT DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR.....	9
INFANT DEATHS PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS.....	15·5
INFANT DEATHS PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS, ENGLAND & WALES.....	19·0
INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS:-	
LEGITIMATE.....	12·2
ILLEGITIMATE.....	3·5
NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS.....	6·9
DEATHS: M.218. F.159. TOTAL.....	377
CRUDE DEATH RATE (COMPARABILITY FACTOR 0·89).....	13·1
CRUDE DEATH RATE FOR ENGLAND & WALES.....	11·5
DEATHS FROM CAUSES ASSOCIATED WITH CHILDBIRTH & PREGNANCY.	NIL.
DEATHS FROM CANCER (ALL AGES).....	73

CAUSES OF DEATH. (ALL AGES).

(REGISTRAR GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION.)

		MALES.	FEMALES.
ALL CAUSES		218	159
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM:	STOMACH	6	2
	LUNG	16	4
	BREAST	-	11
	UTERUS	-	1
OTHER MALIGNANT AND LYMPHATIC NEOPLASMS		16	17
LEUKAEMIA, ALEUKAEMIA		1	-
DIABETES		1	3
VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM		26	28
CORONARY DISEASE, ANGINA		41	18
HYPERTENSION WITH HEART DISEASE		4	1
OTHER HEART DISEASE		29	28
OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASE		12	3
PNEUMONIA		3	2
BRONCHITIS		20	6
OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM		1	1
ULCER OF STOMACH & DUODENUM		1	1
NEPHRITIS & NEPHROSIS		1	2
HYPERPLASIA OF PROSTATE		2	-
CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS		3	-
OTHER DEFINED AND ILL-DEFINED DISEASES		23	27
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		2	-
ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS		9	3
SUICIDE		1	-
HOMICIDE		-	1

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS.

AGE AT DEATH.	TOTAL ALL CAUSES.
UNDER 4 WEEKS	4
4 WEEKS AND UNDER 1 YEAR	5
1 TO 4 YEARS	2
5 TO 14 YEARS	1
15 TO 24 YEARS	2
25 TO 34 YEARS	2
35 TO 44 YEARS	8
45 TO 54 YEARS	22
55 TO 64 YEARS	58
65 TO 74 YEARS	93
75 AND OVER	180.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN CAUSES DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	1961.	1962.	1963.	1964.	1965.
TUBERCULOSIS: RESPIRATORY.....	3	2	1	6	-
OTHER.....	-	-	-	-	-
CORONARY DISEASE.....	48	30	53	50	59
LUNG CANCER.....	9	13	17	15	20
BRONCHITIS.....	22	30	22	20	26
LEUKAEMIA.....	1	2	-	2	1

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISEASE.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.	DEATHS REGISTERED.
SCARLET FEVER.	7	-
WHOOPING COUGH.	7	-
MEASLES.	227	-
ACUTE PNEUMONIA.	1	5
FOOD POISONING.	6	-
DYSENTERY.	1	-
ERYSIPELAS.	1	-
PUERPERAL PYREXIA.	2	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

	NEW CASES. RESPIRATORY. M.	F.	NON-RESPIRATORY. M.	F.	DEATHS. ALL TYPES.
UNDER 10.	NIL				
10 TO 14.	-	-	1	-	-
15 TO 19.	1	-	-	1	-
20 TO 24.	-	-	-	-	-
25 TO 34.	-	-	-	-	-
35 TO 44.	1	1	-	-	-
45 TO 54.	-	-	-	-	-
55 TO 64.	1	-	-	-	-
OVER 64.	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	3.	1.	1.	1.	-

VACCINATION & IMMUNISATION.

DIPHTHERIA - WHOOPING COUGH - TETANUS IMMUNISATION. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION. SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

RECORDS OF THE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF CHILDREN IMMUNISED AND VACCINATED ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR EACH SEPARATE COUNTY DISTRICT. UNDER THE COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME, DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS VACCINES FOR CHILDHOOD PROTECTION ARE AVAILABLE TO PRACTITIONERS, FROM THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WHILST SMALLPOX LYMPH IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, GROBY ROAD, LEICESTER.

ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES IS CARRIED OUT BY THE FAMILY DOCTOR AS PART OF HIS CONTRACT WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. A FEE IS PAYABLE BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR COMPLETED RECORDS RELATING TO CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL LEAVING AGE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PERSONS UP TO 40 YEARS AND RECORDS OF SUCH VACCINATIONS ARE REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FROM PRACTITIONERS.

TUBERCULOSIS VACCINATION. (B.C.G.)

THIS WAS OFFERED TO THE OLDER SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND THE CUSTOMARY HIGH ACCEPTANCE RATE WAS MAINTAINED. OTHER CHILDREN MAY BE VACCINATED AT THE CHEST CLINICS AT THE DISRECTION OF THE CHEST PHYSICIAN.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948. SECTION 47 AND AMENDMENT ACT 1951.

IN ONE PARTICULAR CASE THE FAMILY DOCTOR SUGGESTED THAT APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE FOR A MAGISTRATE'S ORDER FOR THE COMPULSORY REMOVAL TO AN INSTITUTION OF AN ELDERLY LADY AGED 90. HOWEVER, IT WAS FOUND THAT SHE COULD MANAGE TO LEAD AN INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE WITH HELP FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND STATUTORY ACTION WAS NOT TAKEN. A NUMBER OF OTHER CASES WERE DEALT WITH INFORMALLY.

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WATER SUPPLY.

THE PIPED WATER SUPPLIES WERE MOSTLY SATISFACTORY IN QUALITY ALTHOUGH MANY COMPLAINTS OF OVER-CHLORINATION WERE RECEIVED IN ONE PARTICULAR SUPPLY. THIS EXCESS OF CHLORINE WAS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS AS THE EFFECTS SOON DISPERSED BUT THE WATER UNDERTAKERS WERE MOST CO-OPERATIVE IN CONTROLLING THE TROUBLE. RUST DISCOLOURATION WAS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO BY FLUSHING THE MAINS AND CHEMICAL TREATMENT WAS APPLIED TO THE MAINS TO DEAL WITH SMALL SHRIMP-LIKE CREATURES AFFECTING CERTAIN AREAS IN THE LEICESTER WATER DEPARTMENT'S UNDERTAKING.

AS REGARDS QUANTITY NO SERIOUS SHORTAGES OCCURRED ALTHOUGH A PROGRESSIVE INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION IS APPARENT EACH YEAR. THE LOSS OF WATER AS A RESULT OF MAJOR BURSTS, MAINLY DUE TO MINING SUBSIDENCE, STRAINS THE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES AT TIMES, BUT AGAIN THE WATER UNDERTAKERS WERE MOST CO-OPERATIVE.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

MINING SUBSIDENCES CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO SEWERS IN THE AFFECTED AREAS.

DURING THE YEAR 86 EFFLUENT SAMPLES WERE TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS AND OF THIS TOTAL 61 PROVED TO BE UNSATISFACTORY. THE EVER-INCREASING VIGILENCE AND DEMANDS OF THE RIVER AUTHORITIES MAKE AN URGENT NECESSITY FOR A NEW LOOK AT SEWAGE DISPOSAL TREATMENT GENERALLY. SLUDGE DISPOSAL AND TERTIARY LAND TREATMENT OF EFFLUENTS MUST BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL.

THE COLLECTION CYCLE IN THE DISTRICT CONTINUES TO IMPROVE AND MORE THAN HALF THE AREA IS RECEIVING A WEEKLY SERVICE APART FROM HOLIDAY PERIODS. THE AIM IS, OF COURSE, TO GIVE ALL THE

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL. (CONT)

DISTRICT A REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION BUT UNTIL A SATISFACTORY BONUS SCHEME IS IN OPERATION - SATISFACTORY TO BOTH MEN AND EMPLOYERS - SOME DISTRICTS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE 8 OR 9 DAYS BETWEEN COLLECTIONS.

THE NEW CENTRAL DISPOSAL TIP AT CADEBY WILL BE IN OPERATION IN THE EARLY SUMMER OF 1966 AND WILL RELIEVE THE ANXIETY OF TIPPING SPACE FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

THE INCREASED BULK OF REFUSE PER PREMISE, PARTICULARLY TRADE REFUSE FROM SHOPS AND FACTORIES HAVE MADE IT IMPERATIVE THAT A CHARGE BE MADE FOR TRADE REFUSE. THE COUNCIL HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT CHARGES SHOULD BE MADE AND WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE TO CONTROL OUR OWN TIPPING SITE THIS SHOULD BE PUT INTO PRACTICE.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

IT WILL BE NOTED THAT AGAIN NO VERMINOUS OR DIRTY PREMISES ARE REPORTED ALTHOUGH ONE CASE OF VERMINOUS PERSON RECEIVED ATTENTION.

MEAT INSPECTION CONTINUES TO TAKE UP MUCH TIME AND INSPECTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK, NEARLY SIX TONS OF MEAT AND OFFAL BEING CONDEMNED AND DISPOSED OF.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

A VERY SATISFACTORY START WAS MADE ON THE COMPLEX PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. THE PRINCIPAL ACT CONTAINS 91 SECTIONS AND OVER 20 CIRCULARS AND REGULATIONS FOR IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL WORKERS.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960.

THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT OF NOISE FIXES NO STANDARDS IN THE DEFINITION OF WHAT IS AN ACCEPTABLE NOISE OR VIBRATIONS AND INDEED WHAT CAUSES DISCOMFORT OR NUISANCE. WHAT TO SOME PEOPLE MAY BE A TOLERABLE HUM, TO OTHERS WILL BE ENTIRELY OBJECTIONABLE AND INTOLERABLE. UNTIL A STATUTE IS MADE WHICH LAYS DOWN STANDARDS OF NOISE WHICH MUST NOT BE EXCEEDED IN GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES, COUNCILS AND OFFICIALS ARE WORKING IN THE DARK WHEN INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS.

RODENT CONTROL.

THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE RAT POPULATION IS BECOMING IMMUNE TO WARFARIN, AND IN MANY CASES, PARTICULARLY ON FARMS WHERE THE FARMER IS INCLINED TO CARRY OUT HIS OWN TREATMENTS, THE RODENTS ARE INCREASING.

NEW HOUSING ESTATES SHOWED AN INCREASE IN RATS DUE TO OPEN DRAINS AND DITCHES AND WASTE FOOD THROWN AWAY BY WORKMEN.

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956.

REFERENCE MUST BE MADE TO THE GREAT AMOUNT OF TIME GIVEN TO THE BRADGATE GRANITE QUARRIES AT GROBY. DESPITE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE QUARRY OWNERS, THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE DWELLING HOUSES MAKES IT INEVITABLE THAT COMPLAINTS WILL BE RECEIVED.

PETROLEUM ACTS.

INSPECTIONS WERE MADE OF ALL NEW INSTALLATIONS BEFORE A LICENCE WAS ISSUED. THE TANK PITS WERE EXAMINED AND TANKS AND PIPE LINES TESTED UNDER PRESSURE.

HOUSING ACTS.

IN NOVEMBER A SPECIAL REPORT WAS MADE OUTLINING THE PROGRESS MADE IN DEALING WITH UNFIT HOUSES IN THE TEN YEARS 1955 TO 1965. DURING THAT PERIOD 440 DEMOLITION ORDERS AND 43 CLOSING ORDERS WERE ISSUED AND A TOTAL OF 313 FAMILIES WERE RE-HOUSED FROM PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO SUCH ORDERS.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

(1) The piped supplies were mostly satisfactory, complaints of over chlorination were referred to the Water Undertaking concerned.

In quantity:- Supplies were satisfactory.

No shortages occurred.

(2) Piped Supplies - results of samples taken for analysis:-

RAW WATER.				TREATED AFTER GOING INTO SUPPLY.			
BACTERIOLOGICAL.		CHEMICAL.		BACTERIOLOGICAL.		CHEMICAL.	
Satis-factory.	Unsatis-factory.	Satis-factory.	Unsatis-factory.	Satis-factory.	Unsatis-factory.	Satis-factory.	Unsatis-factory.
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(3) Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district.

INTERNAL MAINS WATER SUPPLY		MAINS WATER FROM EXTERNAL STANDPIPES		WELL WATER SUPPLY.	
No. of Dwelling Houses	Population	No. of Dwelling Houses	Population	No. of Dwelling Houses	Population
8,754.	27,476.	23.	76.	842.	1,178.

(4) Water Supply from Public Mains:-

(a) No. of Parishes with piped water supply:-
(1) from public mains ..... 20. (all parishes)
(2) from private reservoirs..... -

(b) No. of Parishes without a piped supply of water. -

(c) Particulars of any extensions of public water supplies:-
Extensions to existing mains to serve new housing sites and small groups of properties previously outside the area of piped supply.

(d) No. of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water..... 43.

(5) Recent Proposals.

The joint scheme for the Copt Oak and Ulverscroft Areas is now approved, but no commencement date fixed.

The North West Leicestershire Water Board is gradually taking over all responsibilities in the Board's area.

(6) Water Supply from Wells.

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS			
Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
-	1	-	2

No. of Wells closed..... 27. No. of Wells cleansed etc... 1.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No. of Cesspools constructed during the year..... 8.
No. of Cesspools abolished during the year..... 33.
Total No. in District on 31st. December 1965.....565. (est:)
No. of private sewage treatment plants constructed during the year..... 2.

Extensions to sewers or improvements during year:-
Groby - two small extensions of sewers completed.
Market Bosworth and Carlton - in progress.

No. of parishes with an efficient sewage disposal works.. 17.
No. of parishes where new schemes have been formulated... 3.

Recent Proposals.

Shaw Lane & Battleflat - approved and tender accepted.
Peckleton & Kirkby Mallory - approved and tender accepted.
Botcheston & Newtown Unthank - approved and tenders invited.
Barlestone - scheme being prepared for sewage works extensions.
Ratby - scheme being prepared for sewage works extensions.
Bagworth (Park Lane) - details of scheme to Ministry.
Nailstone (Belchers Bar) - details of scheme to Ministry.
Newbold Verdon - Sewage Works extensions to Ministry.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total No. of houses in the district on 31st. December 1965.. 9,619.
(1) Privies.... -. (2) Pail Closets.... 651. (3) W.C's.... 8,754.

No. of closets converted to the water carriage system during year:-
(a) Privies..... -. (b) Pails..... 52.

Grant made towards the cost of Conversion..... £12.

No. of privies (middens) converted to pail closets during year. -.

Means for the cleansing of earth closets, privies, ashpits & cesspools:-
Cesspools are emptied on owner's undertaking to pay costs.

Charge made for emptying cesspools:-
A standard charge of 30/- for domestic cesspools. Farms, business premises etc., on a time basis.

Pail Closets.

(a) Disposal of contents: Disposed of on farm land and ploughed in where possible, also treated at Sewage Disposal Works.

(b) Frequency of Emptying: Weekly.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

(a) No. and type of vehciles employed:-
2 S. & D. Freighters.
5 Karrier Bantam Refuse Collectors.
1 Karrier "Ramillies" Compression Vehicle.

(b) Frequency of Collection: Weekly.

(c) No. of dustbins allowed per dwelling house: No fixed number.

(d) There is no special scheme for trade refuse in operation.

Disposal of Household Refuse.

(a) No. of controlled tips..... 2.
(b) No. of crude tips..... 2.
(c) Incineration..... -

Planning permission has been obtained for a Central Controlled Tip at Cadeby. It is hoped to commence on this site, the 1st. June 1966.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

(a) Total No. of complaints received..... 228.
(b) Total No. of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with..... 197.

INSPECTIONS MADE.

	No. of Inspections. First Visits.	re-visits.
Animal Keeping.	18	16
Bakehouses.	4	5
Dairies.	4	8
Drainage Works.	219	150
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	927	763
Infectious Diseases Inquiries.	23	13
Food Poisoning Inquiries.	10	61
Food Premises.	155	59
Offensive Trades.	14	11
Refuse Collection & Disposal.	446	186
Rodent Control.	1023	1432
Schools.	22	28
Shops & Offices.	85	67
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection.	758	386
Smoke Control.	10	3
Verminous and Dirty Premises.	-	-
Caravans etc.	78	81
Water Supplies.	64	32
Factories & Workplaces.	21	18
Other Inspections.	498	321
TOTALS.	4379	3640

NOTICES.

INFORMAL.	HOUSING.	PUBLIC HEALTH.
Outstanding on 1st. Jan.	-	27
Issued during year.	-	189
Complied with during year.	-	196
Outstanding 31st. Dec.	-	20

STATUTORY.	HOUSING.	PUBLIC HEALTH.
Outstanding on 1st. Jan.	-	-
Issued during year.	-	3
Complied with during year.	-	3
Outstanding 31st. Dec.	-	-

SUMMARY ACTION.

No. of Summonses Issued.	No. of Convictions obtained.
..... NIL	

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Class of Premises.	No. Registered.	No. of Inspections.	Accidents reported.	Contraventions.		
				Found.	Remedied.	Outstanding. 31/12/65
Offices.	25	12		20	4	16
Retail Shops.	64	42	1	127	-	127
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.	2	1		2	-	2
Catering Estabs: open to the public, Canteens.	16	8		20	-	20
Fuel storage depots.	2	2		9	-	9
TOTALS.	109	65	1	178	4	174

Total No. of visits made in connection with the above..... 269.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT 1963.

(a) No. of premises licensed..... 2.
(b) No. of inspections..... 6.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960.

No. of site licences issued:-
(a) Individual Vans..... - (b) More than 2 Vans..... -

Four permanent Caravan sites licensed for 31, 15, 10 and 3 Vans respectively. Sanitary conveniences and piped water on sites. One successful summons was issued under the Caravan Sites Act.

REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Regulated Buildings.	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken.	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses.	-	-	-	-
Canal Boats.	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades.	2	14	-	Good

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

No. of Council Houses infested..... 0.
No. of other dwelling houses found infested..... 0.
No. of Houses disinfested..... 0.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT 1951.

No. of premises licensed..... 0.
No. of inspections..... 0.

RAG FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951.

No. of premises registered for upholstering etc. 0.
No. of premises licensed for:-
Manufacture..... 0. Storage of Rag Flock.... 0.
No. of samples taken..... 0.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1965.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960.

No. of premises inspected.....	27
No. of inspections made for the purpose.....	34
No. of Informal Notices served.....	8
No. of Informal Notices complied with.....	8
No. of Informal Notices outstanding 31st. Dec.....	-
No. of Formal Notices served.....	-
No. of Formal Notices complied with.....	-
No. of Formal Notices outstanding on 31st. Dec.....	-

Summary Action Taken:-

Markfield Hospital and Glengates were both inspected and recommendations made for improving standards of Food Hygiene. Hygiene in Schools kitchens was given special attention.

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956.

Particulars of any action taken in connection with Smoke Control Order:-

No Smoke Control Orders in force. Frequent consultations with Alkali Works Inspectorate regarding factories under their control. Colliery chimneys and spoil heaps have received constant attention.

One approval certificate issued for installation of a furnace and chimney. Particular and continued attention was given to the problem of dust control at Bradgate Quarry, Groby. No future proposals contemplated.

Recording Stations in the District..... Nil.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960.

No formal action taken during the year.

Continued attention has been given to complaints regarding noise nuisance at Mallory Park Racing Circuit.

Two other complaints of factory noises were investigated and complaints of noise from two Social Clubs were also investigated.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

No. of infestations dealt with.....	322.
No. of inspections (a) By Public Health Inspectors....	227.
(b) By Rodent Operators.....	2455.

Staff employed for these duties:-

One full time operator.

No large scale infestation was discovered, the refuse tips being the main centres of rat population.

SCHOOLS.

Particulars of any action taken in connection with Schools:-

New Toilet Block completed at Sheepy Junior School. Particular attention was given to deliveries of meat anf fish to Witherley Junior School.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

No. in area:- Nil.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered:-	
(a) Manufacture & Retail.....	0.
(b) Manufacture only.....	0.
(c) Retail only (Pre-packed only).....	118.
No. of samples.....	0.

MILK SUPPLY.

DAIRIES (other than Dairy Farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (Section 8 Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959)				
	No. of Inspections.	No. of Contraventions.		
		Found.	Remedied.	Outstanding on 31st. Dec.
DAIRIES.	4	-	-	-
DISTRIBUTORS.	5	-	-	-

Biological Milk Samples.

No. of Routine bulk samples taken.	RESULTS OF BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.		
	Satisfactory.	Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli.	Evidence of Brucella Abortus.
42	42	-	-

No. of individual Samples taken following a positive Brucella Abortus report on a Routine sample..... -

Bacteriological Milk Sampling.

Class.	No. of Samples.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Designation "Untreated" "Pasteurised" "Sterilised"	42.	42.	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. of Licensed Slaughterhouses in area..... 4.

No. of Animals slaughtered therein..... 17,334.

No. of Animals examined therein..... 17,334.

No. of Carcases inspected at time of slaughter..... 15,682.

No. of Knackers yards in area..... -

No. of visits to Knackers yards..... -

Carcases inspected and Condemned (see over page)

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. killed.	2429	576	82	8261	6046	-
No. inspected.	2429	576	82	8261	6046	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis						
Whole carcases condemned.	1	7	10	15	19	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	34	40	-	206	45	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis.	1·44	8·16	12·2	2·67	10·6	-
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	5	-	-	13	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	·87	-	-	·22	-
Cysticercosis.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	5	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	4	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total weight of meat etc. condemned:-
Meat. 4 tons. 12 cwts. 1 qr. 16 lbs.
Offal. 1 ton 6 cwts. 2 qrs.10 lbs.

Meat Stalls. (Including Butchers' Vans)

No. of Inspections. (including Butchers' Vans)..... 22.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.,

No. of Inspections..... 83.

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for Sale:-

No. of Inspections..... 179.

HOUSING.

NEW HOUSES.

1. Houses completed during the year by:-
   - Local Authority..... 26.
   - Private Enterprise..... 275.

2. Houses in course of erection at end of Year by:-
   - Local Authority..... 26.
   - Private Enterprise..... 301.

3. Total No. of Post War Houses completed by:-
   - Local Authority..... 1514.
   - Private Enterprise..... 2100.

4. Total No. of Applicants for Council Houses at end of year. 728.

5. No. of applications received during year..... 226.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....	292.
No. of inspections made for the purpose.....	564.
No. of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1.) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.....	-
No. of inspections made for the purpose.....	-
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	47.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced During Year	
		Persons.	Families.
In Clearance Areas:-	----------NIL----------		
Not in Clearance Areas:- As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.17(1) Housing Act 1957.	27	35	13
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-
UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED.	----------NIL----------		

UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.		
	By Owner.	By Local Authority.
After informal action by Local Authority.	64	-
After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Secs 9 & 16 Housing Act 1957.	-	-
Under Section 24 Housing Act 1957.	-	-

UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE. (Housing Act 1957) ..... Nil.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT..... Nil.

HOUSING SUMMARY.

Total No. of occupied houses in district..... 9619.
Total No. of Council Houses occupied in District..... 1917.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958.

Percentage Grant of the approved cost made by the Council towards reconditioning and improvements under the Act... 50%

No. of applications for grants received during year..... 83
From Owner/Occupiers..... 18
From Owners of Rented property... 65

No. of applications approved..... 79
No. of applications refused ..... -
(four withdrawn)

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT 1959.

No. of applications received for Standard Grants from:-
Owner/Occupiers..... 30
Owners of rented property... 16

No. of applications approved..... 44
No. of applications refused..... -
(two withdrawn)

No. of properties improved during the year..... 42

ANY OTHER SANITARY CONDITIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTED:-

Two Renewal Certificates of Registration approved for premises under the Animal Boarding Establishment Act 1963.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959.

Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities:-

No. on Register..... 69.
No. of Inspections..... 48.
Written Notices..... -
Occupiers prosecuted..... -
Cases in which defects were found..... 1.

OUTWORK.

No. of Outworkers in August.. 53.
Hosiery..... 37.
Underwear..... 4.
Gloves..... -
Shoes..... 1.
Braces..... -
Textiles..... 2.
Umbrellas..... -
Toys..... -
Knitwear..... 9.
Corsets..... -

STAFF.

No. of Staff:- Qualified..... 3.
Unqualified..... 1.
Clerical..... 2.

Staff Increase or decrease during year:-

One Technical Assistant now employed, mainly for Inspections under the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act.

Present Staff is not considered adequate for proper performance of all duties.

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